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REMARKS

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1. On 13 January 1953, numerous windows of the Pionier Kaserne in Klosterneuburg (O 49/S 30) were lighted in the evening. The installation was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. A military band was rehearsing in the barracks installation. The former wire fence had been replaced by a wooden fence which blocked the view into the billeting area. The northwestern gate of the installation was guarded by a sentry with black-bordered black epaulets. Officers and EM leaving and entering the former Pionierzeugamt wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank and motor transport insignia. In the yard of the installation, which was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets, and in sheds, 15 trucks, 2 ambulances, 2 weapon carriers and 20 other undetermined motor vehicles. About 10 tank trucks were parked at the fuel dump in the former Pionierzeugamt, and jeep driving school truck and trucks and left the installation. All vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. About 180 soldiers received basic training at group level on the drill ground east of the former Pionierzeugamt. Other soldiers were observed standing near three T-34 tanks and a dummy tank turret. A group of 47 EM organized into four squads marched to the drill ground. Each squad was led by an officer wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Two officers wore artillery insignia. The soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with artillery insignia. Rifle firing was practiced at the target range. 1

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2. On 12 January, officers and EM entering and leaving the barracks installation in Kagran (P 49/X 49) wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank, motor transport and signal insignia. Some of them, including a captain, wore black-bordered black epaulets. Vehicles observed in the billeting area included 8 JS-3 tanks, 18 trucks and 1 jeep. One JS-3 tank, 1 SU-100 and 2 JSU-249s were standing in the shed in the ditch between the installation and the athletic field. Other vehicles observed at the installation were jeep driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets and occupied by a major wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, truck driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and trucks with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and a senior lieutenant with red-bordered black epaulets riding in truck. An 85-mm AA gun, a 37-mm AA gun and six AA machine guns on trucks, all weapons canvas-covered, were observed in the AAA section of the installation. A boxlike trailer with a dipole antenna and a searchlight on the roof, and six trucks, including two trucks led

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with reels, were also parked in the AAA section [redacted]

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and an unidentified tank truck. 2

3. On 14 January, motor vehicles observed at the office on Hoven Gasse in Korneuburg (O 49/S 30) included truck [redacted] driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, sedan [redacted] and jeep [redacted] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and jeep [redacted] truck [redacted] was parked in the barracks yard of the Albrechts Kaserne. Commands and marching were heard from the installation. Except for the barracks building of the guard detail, part of a garage and two small sheds, all buildings belonging to the cantonment on the road to Bisamberg, had been removed. No soldiers or parked artillery pieces were seen at the installation which was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. No motor traffic was observed. [redacted] parts of the cantonment were moved to the cantonment on the road to Leopoldsdorf, and other parts to a woods north of the Prinz Eugen Kaserne in Stockerau (O 49/S 21). 3

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4. On 14 January, command shouting was heard from the Prinz Eugen Kaserne in Stockerau. Truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, left the installation. The paths in the woods north of the Prinz Eugen Kaserne were blocked. An hitherto unroofed building in the Artillerie Kaserne was provided with a roof which was similar to a garage roof dismantled at the cantonment in Korneuburg. The noise of work done was heard at the barracks buildings on Schaumann Gasse. 3

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5. On 8 January, numerous windows of the former Landesregierung in Eisenstadt (P 48/X 55) were lighted in the evening. The installation was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Sentries observed at the Jaeger Kaserne and at the entrance of Rheinland Strasse wore black-bordered red epaulets. Driving school trucks [redacted] with drivers and about 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets left the Jaeger Kaserne for the athletic field southeast of the Eisenstadt railroad station. Driving school truck [redacted] and jeep [redacted] occupied by a field grade officer with red-bordered black epaulets, went from the Jaeger Kaserne to the former Landesregierung and then left toward Vienna. The drivers wore red-bordered black epaulets. About noon, a column of driving school trucks [redacted] with two student drivers each returned to the Jaeger Kaserne. All drivers were red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [redacted] with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets also entered the installation. Individual shots and bursts were heard from the billeting area. About 200 soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets and 4 officers marched into the Jaeger Kaserne. All soldiers were equipped with spades and armed with submachine guns or rifles. A heavy machine gun, cardboard aiming silhouettes and targets were also observed. From a train approaching Eisenstadt, [redacted] soldiers throwing hand grenades, engaged in aiming practice and moving in the terrain individually and in groups of 6 or 8 EM. 4

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1. Comment. The information indicates that the former Pionier Kaserne and the former Pionierzeugamt still quarter the 46th Gds Mecz Regt, including a military band, and the 8th Gds Engr Bn. The latter is stationed in the northwestern sector of the former Pionier Kaserne guarded by a sentry with black-bordered black epaulets. The training activity reveals that, in addition to basic training, the soldiers also received rifle drill and individual training with special weapons, such as tanks. There are vague indications that some of the vehicle [ ] observed belong to the 13th Gds Mecz Div. [ ] 25X1
2. Comment. The tanks and SP guns observed in the barracks installation area and the ditch between the installation and the athletic field again confirm the previous equipment of the 103rd Gds Hv Tank SP Gun Regt in Kagrán. Except for tank truck [ ] which belongs to the unidentified AAA unit in Kagrán, the other vehicle [ ] assigned to the 13th Gds Mecz Div. 25X1 25X1
3. Comment. The dismantling of the cantonment on the road to Bisamberg was nearly finished. The blocking of the paths leading through the woods north of the Prinz Eugen Kaserne reported from Stockerau, apparently confirm the statement by a local resident of Korneuburg, that some of the dismantled low wooden buildings were transported to the woods. 25X1
4. Comment. The observations in Eisenstadt confirm the occupation of the Jaeger Kaserne and Rheinland Strasse by a motorized rifle unit which [ ] 25X1  
[ ] is carried as the 284th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. An unidentified transport unit, possibly belonging to the Central Group of Forces, is believed to be quartered in the building of the former Landesregierung. The driving schools observed probably belong to the unidentified transport unit and also to the 284th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt. The column of driving school trucks with student drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, which entered the Jaeger Kaserne about noon, probably belongs to the unidentified transport unit. [ ] 25X1  
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